

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Evan Dorsey Millers House Inventory Number: F-5-30
Address: 6904 New London Road Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: New London Zip Code: 20740 County: Frederick
USGS Quadrangle(s): Walkersville
Property Owner: M. Marguerite Hopkins Tax Account ID Number: 09-232346
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 75 Tax Map Number: 69
Project: FR396B21, MD 874C over Bens Branch Agency: MD SHA
Agency Prepared By: MD SHA
Preparer's Name: Rita Suffness Date Prepared: 04/06/2004
Documentation is presented in: MHT Easement and Inventory Files, and SHA Project Files: FR396B21, MD 874C over Bens Branch
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: New London Historic District
Inventory Number: F-5-15 Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

In the original MIHP form (1978) the house was documented as being in severe disrepair, having suffered from a serious fire in 1976 and subsequent abandonment and neglect. In 1994 Janet Davis revealed in her documentation of the New London Survey District (F-5-15) that the house had been constructed in two stages. The western section of the building, which was completely in ruins in 1994, had been built by Evan Dorsey in 1804, possibly as a residence, store or cooper shop connected with his mill, which was built in the same year. All but one wall of this section had been demolished by 1994. As to the stone two-story portion on the east, a 1829 deed states that James Smith was then occupying the property. He built this section during his tenure, probably between 1830 and 1840. This section was also heavily deteriorated in 1994, with an exposed basement level on the south and two irregularly spaced bays on the upper levels. The roof was almost completely destroyed, with the remnant of a shed roof garrison dormer in the front slope of the south facing structure.

Although a preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust in 1983 had been given by the owner, Dr. Christopher Kennedy in 1983, restoration did not start until the late 1990's. The integrity of the structure has been compromised in the restored structure, due to the use of modern materials, such as siding and new windows. No outbuildings were noted in either the original MIHP form or the updated form for the New London Survey District form (1994).

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MHT Comments:

Jim Tomlinson
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
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Reviewer, National Register Program

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The house is immediately adjacent to the east abutment of Bridge No. 10043, which carries New London Road (MD 874C) over Bens Branch. The dwelling is composed of two sections: the original side-gable frame portion, reconstructed above the above-grade stone foundation (with a centered door and two windows to each side), and the later, two-story, side-gable, two-bay wide, taller stone addition located east of the 1804 part.

SIGNIFICANCE: Three mills were constructed on Ben's Branch by the late 18th century. The gristmill at New London was built by Evan Dorsey in 1804, and a sawmill a short while later. The town was established around Evan Dorsey's mill in 1804. The road from Libertytown to New Market and the town of New London first appear on a map in 1839 (Davis 1994). At about the same time two houses were built that were associated with the mills. The Hobbs-Lowe House was located west of Bens Branch, and the Evan Dorsey Miller's House was located on the east side, and north of the road. Later, east-west roads, Gas House Pike and Lime Plant Road, intersected the New London Road (MD 874C) in the center of town. The development of the town depended on the success of the copper mine, established in the 1830's, and the mills during the nineteenth century. By 1858 a number of houses, a post office and store, a blacksmith shop and a wheelwright shop appear on the map of New London. By this time, one of the houses and some land were sold off separately from the mill property. The gristmill and sawmill, and the Hobbs-Lowe House were owned by William Hobbs, who had married Susan Dorsey, daughter of Evan Dorsey. From 1861 to 1865 the mill and the house changed owners several times, being owned for a brief period by the New London Copper Mining Company. The mills, dwelling, pump and dairy were shown on the mine plat made shortly after the company acquired the mine.

In summary, the house is considered eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, despite the diminished condition that once characterized it, because of its association with the owners of the mills, no longer extant, that were located at the crossing of New London Road and Bens Branch. It was evaluated in accordance with criteria of the National Register of Historic Places. These criteria state that the quality of significance in American History, architecture, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and: that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A); or that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B); or that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C); or that have yielded, or may be able to yield, information important in prehistory or history" (Criterion D) (36 CFR 63, and National Register Bulletin Series No. 15).

The dwelling has been analyzed within the context of the Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period (1815-1870), the Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (1870-1930), and the Modern Era (1930-Present) within Frederick County. As an important remnant of the original mill village, despite its ruinous state some years ago, retains integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association, for its connection with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A). It retains the level of integrity necessary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Its associations with the broad patterns of Frederick County, Maryland or national history, has been retained despite its restoration. It is especially important that it retains an important visual link with the roadway on which it is located. In its present state, it displays diminished architectural distinction as a former millers house, but nonetheless meets the National Register criterion A thorough its association with the history of milling. In summary, it has significance under Criteria A for its associations with the broad patterns of American history and qualifies for listing in the National Register. Along its frontage it does not retain enough intact archeological materials and features to meet the requirements of Criterion D, although the remainder of the property has not been tested for archeological resources and thus its eligibility under Criterion D has not been determined. The results of the investigations of portions fronting MD 874C within the area of impact for the bridge replacement have been reported in the "Phase I and Phase II Archeological Investigation Report at Bridge No. 10043 over Bens Branch at MD 874."

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BOUNDARY: The boundary is coterminous with the north, west and south bounds of tax parcel 75 (Map 69), and with the SHA right-of way along MD 874C, to form the eastern border, encompassing ca. 2 acres.

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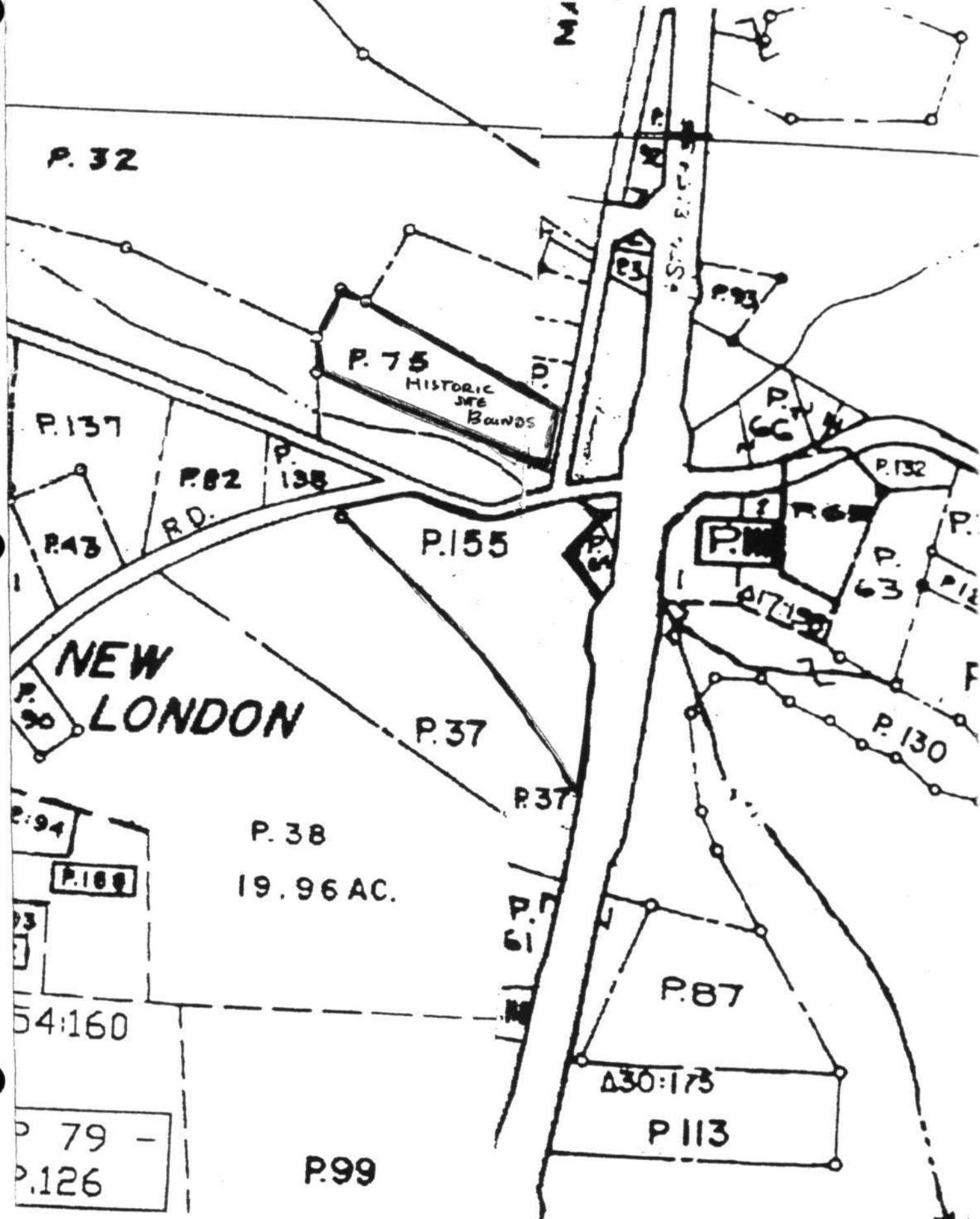
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Tax Map



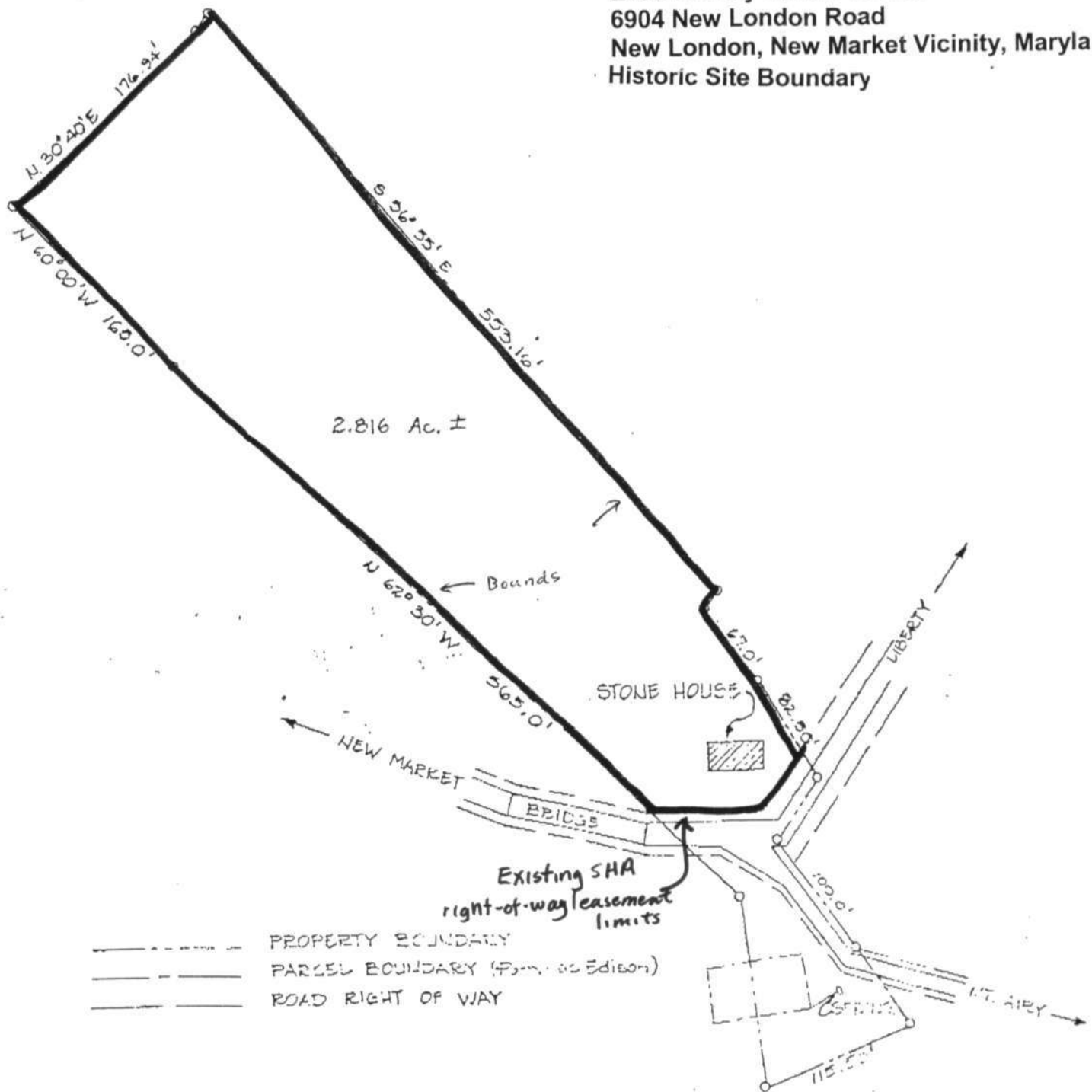
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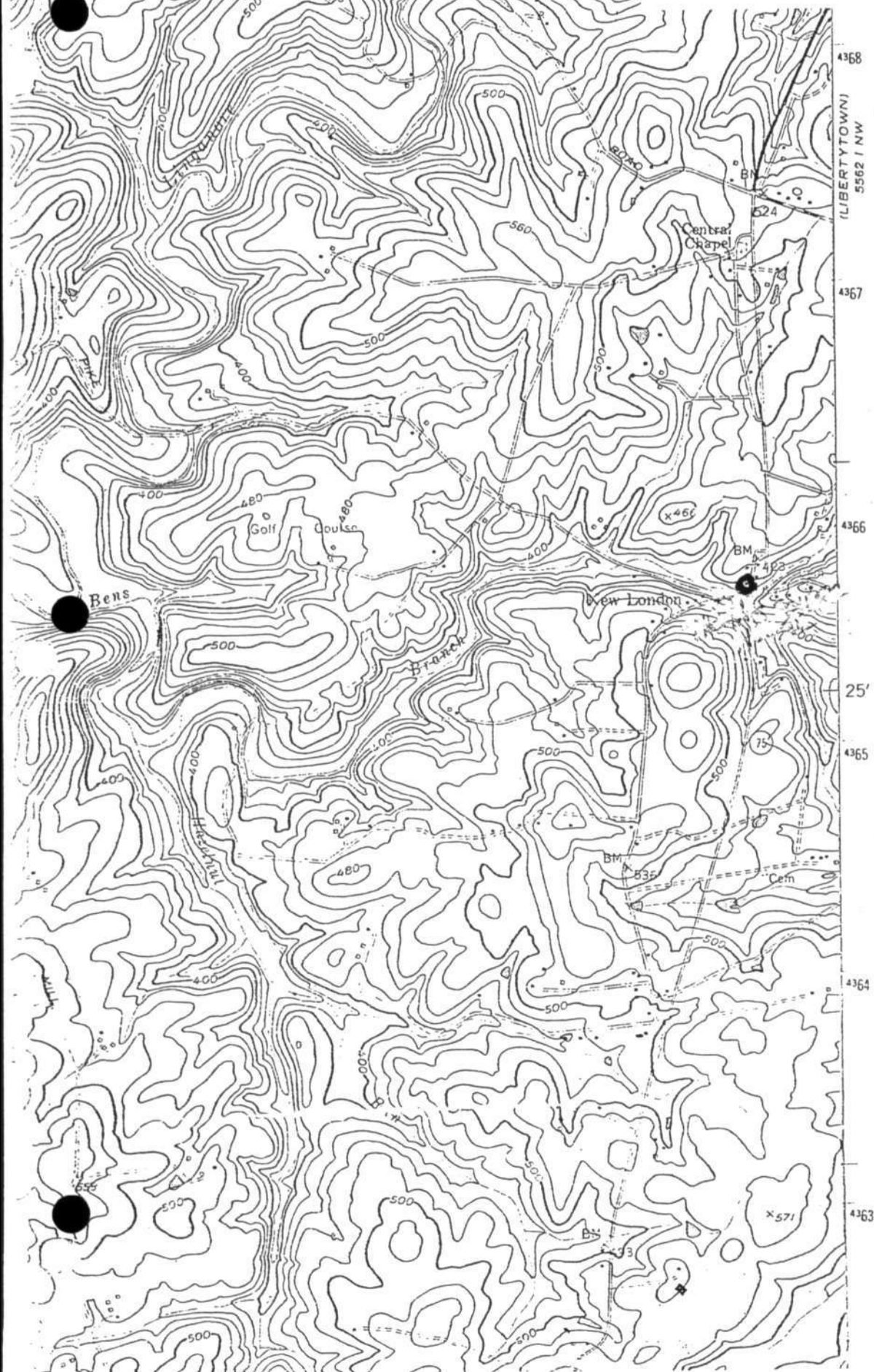
6904 New London Road

New London, New Market Vicinity, Maryland

Historic Site Boundary



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Evan Dorsey Millers House
6904 New London Road
New London, New Market Vicinity, Maryland
Walkersville Quadrangle





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Eva Dorsey Brothers Home
NW Corner

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Evan Dorsey, Pullers House

SE Entrance facade

buffer p.d state highway adm
ways at MIT

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Easement

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Evan Dorsey Millers House
New London
Private

C. 1780

The Evan Dorsey Millers House is a 2½ story coursed rubble stone structure built in two parts. The west section is three bays wide with large stone quoins occupying each corner of the building.

The east section is a banked building, two bays wide and one room deep with a six panel entrance door located in a recessed paneled doorway. The entire structure is in very poor condition and is deteriorating.

The Evan Dorsey Millers House is believed to have been built in the late eighteenth century by Evan Dorsey who inherited the Drummie tract from his father Basil Dorsey. By 1858 the mill and millers house had been acquired by William Hobbs. The mill continued to operate until 1889 when a flood on the Linganore Creek left the building inoperable.

Easement

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Evan Dorsey Millers House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side Gas House Pike

Sixth E.D. 9

CITY, TOWN

New London

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Thomas W. Doerr

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 811 North 24th Street

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia

VICINITY OF

Pa.

STATE

zip code 19130

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION ☒

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Evan Dorsey Millers House is a 2½ story coursed rubble stone structure built in two parts which faces south from the north side of Gas House Pike in the old settlement of New London.

The west section of the building is 3 bays wide, a replaced entrance door is located in the second bay on both the first and second level. A single large stone lintel is located over the entrance on the second level. Double hung 6/6 windows occupied the remaining bays but all have been replaced except for the window in the first bay from the southeast corner on the second level.

A two story open porch once extended across the facade of this section of the building but it has been removed. Large stone quoins are located in each corner of the building. A massive stone chimney which is deteriorating at the top rises on the west gable end. The original roof and cornice have been removed and replaced by a plywood gable roof with wide dormer.

The east section of the building is a banked building, 2 bays wide and one room deep. The main entrance, a six panel door located in a recessed paneled doorway with wood lintel occupies the second bay from the southwest corner. A crude wood entrance porch recently added leads to the entrance. No windows remain in the bay openings on the first and second levels although earlier photographs indicate that the first level bay had a 9/6 window and 6/6 occupied the remaining bays on the second level with wood lintels.

The stones used in the construction of this section of the house are smaller and smoother with a finer joint than the west section. The replaced gable roof is attached to the structure by a replaced plain boxed cornice.

A single brick chimney straddles the east gable. The entire structure is in very poor condition and is deteriorating.

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Evan Dorsey**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Evan Dorsey House is believed to have been built in the late eighteenth century by Evan Dorsey who inherited the Drummine tract of 668 acres from his father Captain Judge Basil Dorsey.

The tract was originally patented by William Cummings in 1746 according to research done by H.H. Hopkins.

By 1858 the mill and millers house was acquired by William Hobbs, the owner of Hobbs Mill (Avignon) on Old Annapolis Road.

The mill continued to ^{be} operated until 1889 when a flood on the Linganore Creek left the building inoperable.

In 1976, a fire swept through the existing millers house and the structure has deteriorated to ruins since that time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

1978

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

694-1063

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

Frederick, Maryland

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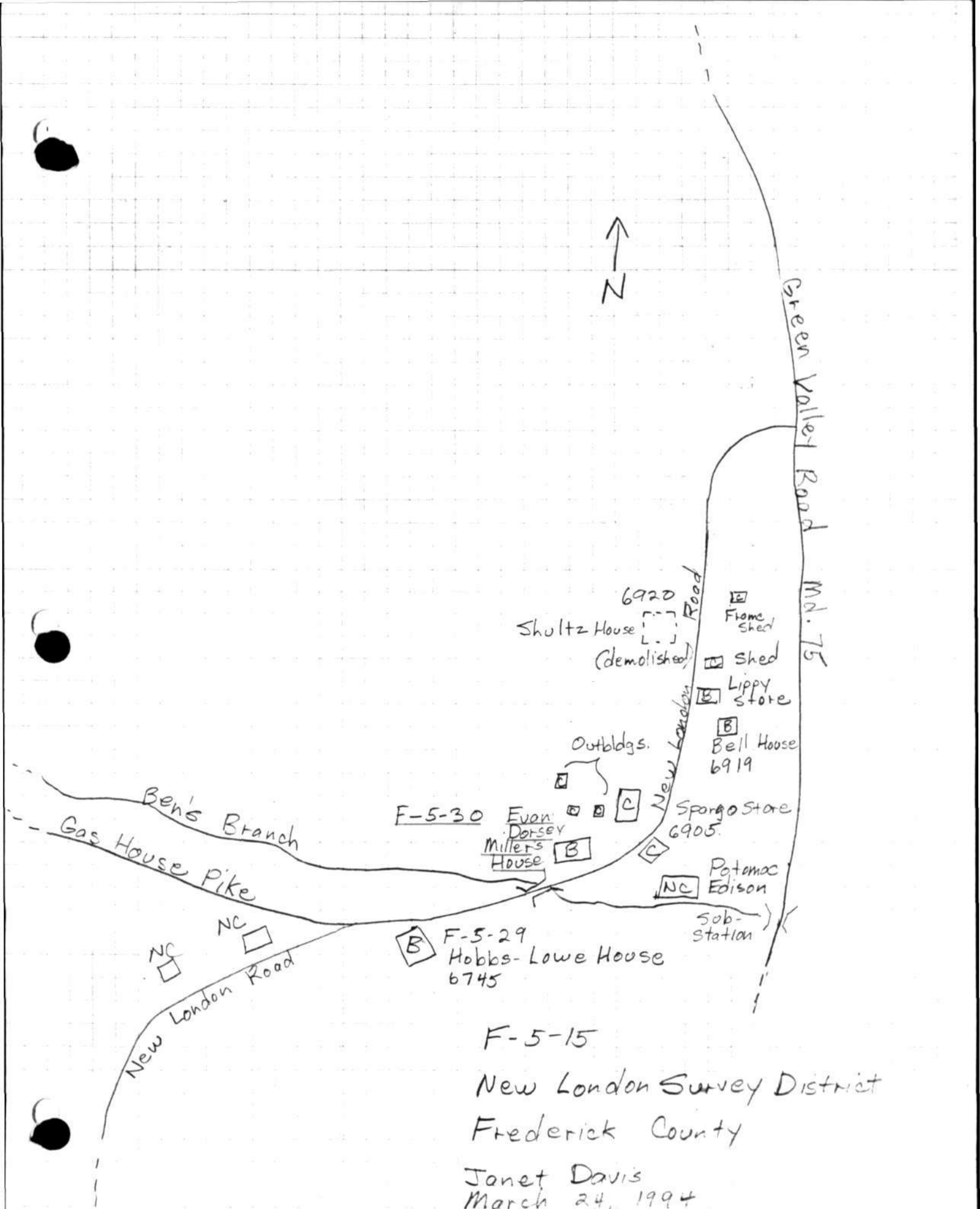
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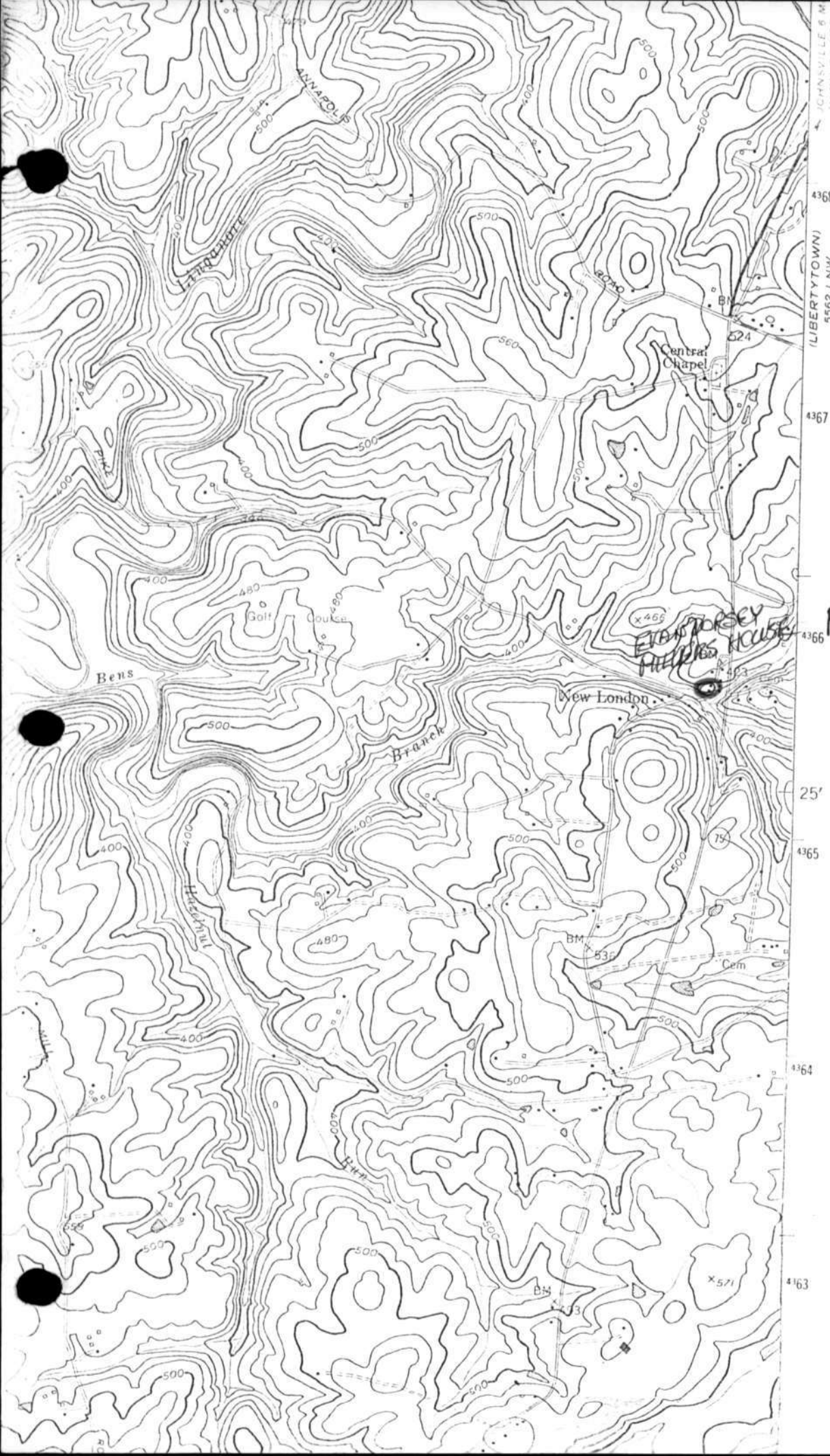
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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WALKERSVILLE
QUADRANGLE



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NEW MARKET (GAS HOUSE PIKE-NEW LONDON-)

Photos: LARIN

EVAN DORSEY MILLERS HSE
N/S GAS HOUSE PIKE NEW LONDON

LAKIN / 1973
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SOUTH ELEVATION



EVIAN DORSEY MILLERS HSE
N/S GAS HOUSE PKE NEW LONDON
SOUTH ELEVATION

CEW 11/77
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EVANDORSEY MILLERS HSE
W/S GAS HOUSE PICK NEW LONDON
SOUTH ELEVATION

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